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**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
July 6, 7 & 8, Ottawa (Ontario)

**Resolution no. 08/2021**

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA People</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Safety and Security of Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA People
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chief Adrienne Jerome, La Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon, QC
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chief Shelley Sabattis, Oromocto First Nation, NB
<b>DECISION</b>	Approved by the AFN Executive Committee by consensus.

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) states:
- i. Article 7 (1): Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.
  - ii. Article 7 (2): Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.
  - iii. Article 22 (2): States shall take measures, in conjunction with Indigenous peoples, to ensure that Indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.
- B. The Government of Canada launched the independent National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (National Inquiry) in August 2016. The National Inquiry released its Final Report entitled *Reclaiming Power and Place* on June 3, 2019.
- C. The Final Report explores the many intersectional issues which contribute to the national tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA peoples. The Final Report also contains 4 overarching findings relating to rights recognition, justice, security, health and wellness. It also contains 231

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Calls for Justice which include recommendations to governments, institutions, industries, service providers, partners and all Canadians.

- D. Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 37/2014, *Support for Families First*, mandates the AFN to:
- i. Call for the adoption of a national First Nations consensus based on the made in Manitoba Families First initiative to honour the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and involve and support their families first, and to collaborate on immediate actions and systematic change;
  - ii. Recognize that any process including roundtable or inquiry must listen and hear the voices of the families of MMIWG, adequately support families and communities in their healing journeys, and honour the MMIWG; and
  - iii. Recognize that a one-day roundtable on MMIWG is not sufficient.
- E. AFN Resolution 67/2019, *Development and Implementation of a National Action Plan on Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA*, mandates the AFN to:
- i. Call upon the Federal government to ensure that all engagement on a National Action Plan be carried out using the "Families First" approach.
  - ii. Direct the AFN to seek out appropriate funding and resources to:
    - i. Attend and participate in all Roundtable meetings in every regions; and
    - ii. Co-ordinate its own engagement with First Nations on a National Action Plan.
  - iii. Direct the AFN to develop its own First Nations led National Action Plan with input from the regions and first Nations survivors, families and the First Nations Coalition for Grassroots Families and advocate for all governments to adopt it.
  - iv. Call upon the federal government to ensure that AFN Women's Council participates in the selection process for any representative appointed to implement the National Inquiry's Final Report *Calls for Justice*; including the development and implementation of a National Action Plan.
  - v. Direct the AFN to ensure the First Nations Action Plan is respective of any Nation, women, or regional-led processes in regard to their planning.
- F. In June 2021, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) released a National Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people. Further work is needed to implement the National Action Plan.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:**

1. Call upon the federal government to ensure that all activities with respect to the National Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people be carried out using a “Families First” and distinctions-based approach.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to engage in or carry out activities in support of implementation of the Nation Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people.

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